

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 16, and 19 and add new claim 20 and 21 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A utility knife, comprising:

a handle;

a first cutting element, the first cutting element comprising a first standard utility knife blade; and

a second cutting element, the second cutting element comprising a second standard utility knife blade, wherein

the handle comprises a body and a grip, the body having a first end, a second end, and at least one notch, the first end comprising a plurality of extensions forming a gap, the second end comprising a slot;

the first cutting element being fixedly coupled to the first end such that the first cutting element resides in the gap formed by the plurality of extensions;

the second cutting element being slidably coupled to the second end such that the second cutting element has at least one extended position and at least one retracted position; and

the second cutting element being releasably coupled to the at least one notch, the at least one notch being located to hold the second cutting element in a position consisting of at least one of the at least one extended position and the at least one retracted position.

2. (original) The utility knife according to claim 1, wherein the handle defines an internal space.

3. (original) The utility knife according to claim 2, further comprising:

a first cutting element notch, the first cutting element notch resides in the internal space towards the first end such that only a portion of the first cutting element is exposed in the gap.

4. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A utility knife ~~according to claim 2~~, further comprising:

a handle;

a first cutting element; and

a second cutting element, wherein

the handle comprises a body and a grip, the body having a first end, a second end, and at least one notch, the first end comprising a plurality of extensions forming a gap, the second end comprising a slot;

the first cutting element being fixedly coupled to the first end such that the first cutting element resides in the gap formed by the plurality of extensions;

the second cutting element being slidably coupled to the second end such that the second cutting element has at least one extended position and at least one retracted position; and

the second cutting element being releasably coupled to the at least one notch, the at least one notch being located to hold the second cutting element in a position consisting of at least one of the at least one extended position and the at least one retracted position, and wherein

the handle further comprising:

a second cutting element slide, the second cutting element slide resides in the internal space towards the second end;

the second cutting element is coupled to the second cutting element slide such that the second cutting element can move in the slot;

an arm having a first end connected to the second cutting element and a second end connected to a connector; the connector is coupled to ~~the~~ a nub such that the connector is slidably received in ~~the~~ a latch track, the arm is elastically deformable; and

at least one prong coupled to the arm, the at least one prong being releasably coupled to the at least one notch.

5. (original) The utility knife according to claim 4, further comprising:

a first cutting element notch, the first cutting element notch resides in the internal space towards the first end such that only a portion of the first cutting element is exposed in the gap.

6. (original) The utility knife according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting element and the second cutting element are selected from the group of cutting elements consisting of a razorblade, a saw, a pick, an awl, and a wedge.

7. (original) The utility knife according to claim 6, wherein the first cutting element and the second cutting element are the same type of cutting element.

8. (currently amended) The utility knife according to claim 2, further comprising:

at least one ~~space~~ space cutting element notch residing in the internal space.

9. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A utility knife ~~according to claim 2, further~~ comprising:

a handle;

a first cutting element; and

a second cutting element, wherein

the handle comprises a body and a grip, the body having a first end, a second end, and at least one notch, the first end comprising a plurality of extensions forming a gap, the second end comprising a slot;

the first cutting element being fixedly coupled to the first end such that the first cutting element resides in the gap formed by the plurality of extensions;

the second cutting element being slidably coupled to the second end such that the second cutting element has at least one extended position and at least one retracted position; and

the second cutting element being releasably coupled to the at least one notch, the at least one notch being located to hold the second cutting element in a position consisting of at least one of the at least one extended position and the at least one retracted position, and wherein

the handle further comprising:

a second cutting element slide, the second cutting element slide resides in the internal space towards the second end;

a second cutting element holder slidably coupled to the second cutting element slide;

the second cutting element is coupled to the second cutting element holder such that the second cutting element can move in the slot along with the second cutting element holder;

an arm having a first end connected to the second cutting element holder and a second end connected to a connector; the connector is coupled to ~~the~~ a nub such that the connector is slidably received in ~~the~~ a latch track, the arm is elastically deformable; and

at least one prong coupled to the arm, the at least one prong being releasably coupled to the at least one notch.

10. (original) The utility knife according to claim 9, wherein the second cutting element comprises a top edge having a plurality of channels forming at least one pin; and the second cutting element holder comprises a latch to fit snugly about the at least one pin to couple the second cutting element to the second cutting element holder.

11. (original) The utility knife according to claim 9, wherein the second cutting element holder comprising a wall having a "C" shape such that the second cutting element snaps into the "C" shape.

12. (currently amended) A dual blade utility knife comprising:

a handle;

a first cutting edge;

a second cutting element;

an internal space;

an arm;

a connector;

a nub; and

at least one prong, wherein

the handle comprises a body and a grip, the body having a first end, a second end, a latch track, and at least one notch about the latch track, the first end comprising a plurality of extensions forming a gap, the second end comprising a slot;

the internal space is defined by the handle,

the internal space comprising a first cutting edge notch towards the first end and a second cutting element slider towards the second end, wherein

the first cutting edge being fixedly coupled in the first cutting edge notch such that a portion of the first cutting edge resides in the gap formed by the plurality of extensions;

the second cutting element being slidably coupled to the second cutting element slider such that the second cutting element has at least one extended position and at least one retracted position;

the arm having a first end coupled to the second cutting element and a second end coupled to the connector;

the connector coupled to the nub and slidably received within the latch track; and

the at least one prong coupled to second end of the arm and releasably coupled to the at least one notch such that the second cutting element can move between at least one extended position and at least one retracted position.

13. (original) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 12, wherein the first cutting edge is selected from the group consisting of a razorblade and a serrated blade.

14. (original) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 13, wherein the second cutting element is selected from the group consisting of an awl, a pick, a wedge, a razorblade, and a serrated blade.

15. (original) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 13, wherein the second cutting element is selected to be the same as the first cutting edge.

16. (currently amended) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 12, wherein the at least one notch comprises a plurality of notches and the at least one notch corresponds to the extended position and the at least another notch corresponds to the retracted position.

17. (original) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 16, wherein at least a third notch exists corresponding to a position selected from the group consisting of at least a partial extended position and a partial retracted position.

18. (original) The dual blade utility knife according to claim 12, further comprising at least one spare storage notch.

19. (currently amended) A utility knife comprising:

a handle, the handle comprising a body and a grip, the body having a first end and a second end;

a first cutting element coupled to the first end, the first cutting element comprising a first standard utility knife blade;

a second cutting element coupled to the second end, the second cutting element comprising a second standard utility knife blade;

means for holding the first cutting element to provide a safety feature that inhibits accidents; and

means for moving the second cutting element from at least one extended position to at least one retracted position.

20. (new) The utility knife according to claim 1 wherein the first standard utility knife blade and the second standard utility knife blade are the same.

21. (new) The utility knife according to claim 20 wherein the first standard utility knife blade and the second standard utility knife blade are razor blades.